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# THE DAILY BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### [New Montana history book unveiled](#)

Great Falls Tribune (08/20/07)

HELENA (AP) — A new Montana history book should be in middle school classrooms for the 2008 school year, officials said Monday.

The book, titled "Montana: Stories of the Land," is being touted as the first comprehensive textbook available to all school districts that meets the demands of such initiatives as Indian Education For All.

"This will bring Montana history alive in every school in Montana," Gov. Brian Schweitzer said at an event Monday.

### [Congress hears testimony in Indian Country](#)

Jodi Rave, The Missoulia (08/18/07)

If filmmaker Michael Moore really wanted to shock the world about the lack of health care in the United States, he should have taken his film crew to an Indian reservation for scenes in his recent documentary "Sicko."

Imagine Avis Littlewind, a 14-year-old who was lying curled in the fetal position for 90 days before killing herself because no treatment center existed to help her.

On Wednesday, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held a field hearing on the Crow Reservation to collect testimony from Native people suffering at the hands of the Indian Health Service, which is funded at barely half of its need.

### [Blackfeet artist Don Charbonneau honored as August's featured artist](#)

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter Editor

"Most of these are from bad dreams I had," said Don Charbonneau Friday, Aug. 10, at the Blackfeet Heritage Center. Music filled the air as the Ernie Heavy Runner band played from the deck of the Heritage Center, and appetizing tidbits greeted visitors who came to see the artist's work on display. Charbonneau is the Heritage Center's Featured Artist for August.

### [Glacier County Welfare moves into its new facilities in Browning](#)

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter Editor

"The best thing about it is we have 100 percent ADA compliance," said Kati Bremner, director of the Glacier County Welfare Office in Browning. The new office, located a block off U.S. Highway 2 in the town's center, has been open for business since July 27. "We have wonderful access for people in wheelchairs," she continued, "and we now have a big building that meets our needs completely."

### [43rd Global Volunteers Team on the Blackfeet Reservation](#)

By Sally Kuhns and Mel Wheeler, For the Glacier Reporter

Saturday, Aug. 4, the 43rd team of Global Volunteers, representing states from coast to coast and in between, arrived at a temporary residence in the Blackfeet Early Childhood Center for a week of volunteer work, cultural experiences and recreation.

## Students' get gift of history

By IR Staff - 08/22/07

Congratulations to the Montana Historical Society - and a whole lot of donors - for the gift of history to thousands of the state's students.

The Society's staff has researched and written a book on Montana history aimed at seventh graders, the level at which middle schools usually teach the subject. It surely fills a need.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Tribal Pandemic Flu CERC Training**

The next Tribal Pandemic Flu CERC Training is tentatively scheduled for late-October/early-November 2007 in San Antonio, Texas.

Scholarships are available for travel and lodging expenses (per diem paid by HHS/CDC) for 100 participants; first-come first-served basis.

The training is available to both federal and state recognized tribes.

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## **TRIBAL GRANTS:**

### 2007 NOFA for USDA Rural Development's High Energy Cost Grant Program

The High Energy Cost Grant Program provides financial assistance for the improvement of energy generation, transmission, and distribution facilities serving eligible rural communities with home energy costs that are over 275 percent of the national average.

Eligible applicants include federally recognized Indian tribes, entities owned by federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native Corporations. Traditional and Renewable Energy projects can be funded through this program.

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### **Grant writing assistance may be available through the Montana Board of Crime Control**

### Renovation of Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands

**Deadline:** September 17, 2007

**Eligibility:** Indian tribal governments.

**Fund uses:** To assist tribes in cost-effectively renovating facilities associated with the incarceration and rehabilitation of juvenile and adult offenders.

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